

Deborah Weston  
& Caroline Weston.

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Dear Caroline, I did not begin the promise of your - and for I found there would not be room for it in Lucie's envelope but the right Lucie is at Brookline & will not write, so I will do as much as I can for you. I came in town Friday morning for the purpose of pushing a box for Millville Fair, we are to take the fruit of this expedition, speak one evening there. One letter was sent to M. but the Ladies there wanted more & finer articles. My second motive was to pack the Fair box, reports &c I mean, which are sent to England & which I am doing under instructions from Anne, and finally I am to make a visit to Mary who was beginning to get a little bored & wanted sympathy. I came in Friday morning & was dealt with open arms, Mary announcing that she was particularly glad to see me for she wanted to take me to see the new wives of Windsor which Fanny was to see at Sat morning. Sidney & Dicky were in the cars, Sidney looks a very unhappy & miserable they were to return to N.Y. in the course of the next week & called at the office I found May very busy correcting the report one word of J.P. Hale's speech was wrong & he was going through the whole edition. Of course I did not dare to tell him of his making Garrison say that he (G) was like the tideeet fought upon his stumps. Garrison said "cut off" but May reported it to be "cut off" & it is to go through England, "an untact". I would not have told Mary of it for the world. He would never perceive it. I saw Garrison who



gave a very amusing account of  
a meeting of the Town country  
club. Alcott had issued a cer-  
tain number of tickets, on which it  
was stated that a "Parliament"  
would be held to talk over  
every thing, a general powwow in  
short. & that Emerson & Alcott were  
to be spokesman, tho I heard after  
words that Emerson alone was to  
speak. All the distinguished people  
about being invited, "the parliament"  
was a very large one. Miss Boeme  
of course & C. Sumner among the guests  
Garrison & Pillsbury represented the cause  
when the parliament was opened  
the dulness & silence was horrible  
Emerson in a state of great embar-  
rassment said that he did not know  
that he was advertised to speak &  
had nothing to say. The silence grew  
worse & worse, one person after another  
tried to say something & failed.  
Emerson privately asked Pillsbury three  
or four times to speak, but Pillsbury's  
modesty would not permit him to  
open his mouth. At last in despair  
Alcott alluded to slavery in such  
a way & with so violent an allusion  
to Garrison that the pious took  
the floor after speaking that the diffi-  
culty was that there was subject of  
for discussion, so of course no one  
had any thing to say, he proceeded  
to give them a subject, & with a  
very obnoxious allusion to Carlyle's  
picture which hung in the room fired  
a full broadside into him. Emerson  
& Alcott in a sort tried to defend  
him, but Garrison held him down  
very hard. I suppose they thought  
me very harsh, said he, but I felt  
that this was the place to say what  
I had to say. There was no want of  
speakers after this. A young man from  
the south whom they all seemed to  
know of the name of Lazarus, at last  
took the floor & went on for some  
time in defence of Carlyle's governing

worse and worse till I turned  
upon him with great force & said  
are you here sir to defend sla-  
very? Lasarus drew back at  
once & said Oh, no, and did not  
say a word more. It must  
have been a rich time. Both Emerson  
& I did not try to talk of Carlyle's misfulness  
to which Gov's answer was no, when a  
man brings his misfulness to such a  
subject in such a way it is vulgarity &  
~~not~~ how attempts at wit.

out in Boston I think, since they  
have been made to comprehend  
that it was glories that are being  
seen. I don't mean that Wendell or Mary  
feel so, but Boston at large does. Mary  
had a letter from Mrs Sturgis by last  
steamer, Mrs Russell S. She said nothing  
of any consequence but that Mrs  
Bates had suffered very much from  
having a person so sick as Mr Lawrence  
near. Mrs was making a visit of  
the more I